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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING TRAVEL IN USA BY PROFESSOR AKIRO
AZUMA, TOKYO UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE OF SPACE AND
AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE; INFORMATION CONCERNING AND REQUEST
FOR ASSISTANCE WITH

NAVAIRSYSCOM FOR NAVAIR 03P3A AND 310
ONR FOR CODES 211, 200, 100B, 102, 102D1, 400, 430, 438

1. ATTENTION MR. R. H. KRIDA, NAVAIR CODE 03P3A.
THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND
TO SUMMARIZE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE
WITH/VIA MR. DAVID S. SIEGEL, ONR CODE 211.

2. PROFESSOR AKIRO AZUMA OF THE INSTITUTE OF SPACE AND
AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, IS SOON
DEPARTING ON TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.
HIS ITINERARY IN THE US IS AS FOLLOWS (ALL DATES IN
AUGUST 1978):

- 21-22 AT MEETING IN LOS ANGELES
- 23 TRAVEL TO BOSTON
- 24 AT MIT
- 25 DISCUSS AERODYNAMICS OF ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT
- WITH BOEING CO. IN PHILADELPHIA

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- 26 (SATURDAY) OPEN DATE
 - 27 (SUNDAY) DEPART FROM NEW YORK FOR EUROPE
- IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EUROPEAN PORTION OF THE TRAVEL
IS CURRENTLY UNSTRUCTURED.

3. WORKING WITH AND THROUGH MR. KAZUMASA IINUMA, THE
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE JAPAN BOUYANT FLIGHT

ASSOCIATION, AZUMA APPROACHED ONR-TOKYO ON 2 AUGUST EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO TALK WITH NAVY PERSONNEL CONCERNED WITH LTA TECHNOLOGY. THE TALK WAS TO BE ON SATURDAY, 26 AUGUST. ONR-TOKYO SUGGESTED SIEGEL AND KRIDA AS POSSIBLE CONTACTS. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION IT BECAME CLEAR THAT AZUMA ACTUALLY WANTED A MEETING WITH FRANK N. PIASECKI, PRESIDENT, PIASECKI AIRCRAFT CORP. PHILADELPHIA. ONR-TOKYO AGREED TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH NAVY AND/OR PIASECKI BUT MADE NO COMMITMENTS TO AZUMA OTHER THAN TO LET HIM KNOW RESULTS OF EXPLORATIONS. IN SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SIEGEL IT SEEMED THAT NAVY MIGHT WANT TO ARRANGE AZUMA VISIT WITH PIASECKI. ASSISTANCE OF NAVAIR 03P3A IS HEREWITH REQUESTED IN ARRANGING SUCH A VISIT. ONR-TOKYO WOULD RECOMMEND PARTICIPATION BY R. H. KRIDA OF NAVAIR AND D. S. SIEGEL OF ONR HEADQUARTERS IN THE TALKS.

4. ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN EXPLICITLY DISCUSSED WITH AZUMA, THIS OFFICE HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT A MEETING WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE HIGH OFFICIALS IN PIASECKI AIRCRAFT WILL BE AGREEABLE TO AZUMA IF THE PRESIDENT IS UNAVAILABLE.

5. IN RECOMMENDING ONR AND NAVAIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE AZUMA VISIT, ONR-TOKYO HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION:

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A) THE SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ROLE AZUMA PLAYS AS AN AERO DYNAMICIST IN THE JAPANESE LTA COMMUNITY.
B) AZUMA'S RECENT ACTIVITIES AS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF A JAPANESE LTA SYMPOSIUM AT HIS UNIVERSITY.
C) THE GENERAL DESIREABILITY OF IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN US AND JAPANESE LTA COMMUNITIES WHICH STEMS FROM CONSIDERABLE JAPANESE ACTIVITY NOW EMERGING.
D) AZUMA'S PREVIOUS CLOSE PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WITH PROF. L.S.G. KOVASZNAY OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY DURING KOVASZNAY'S DUTY IN ONR-TOKYO (1975-1977).
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